

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
Serial No. 09/656,896

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 – 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25 – 34, 36 – 38, and 40 – 44 remain in this application. Claims 1 – 4, 7, 9, 14 – 20, 23 – 34, 37 and 42 – 44 are finally rejected. Claims 5 – 6, 10 – 13, 21 – 22, 35, 36 and 38 – 41 are objected to but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 5, 8, 11, 18, 21, 24, 35 and 39 are canceled. Claims 1, 9, 22, 25, 31 and 37 are amended herein. No new material has been added.

Claims 5 – 6, 10 – 13, 21 – 22, 35, 36 and 38 – 41 are objected to for depending from rejected base claims but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of the independent claims from which they depend. Responsive thereto, claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of objected to dependent claim 5 and so, is objected to claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Claim 9 has been amended to include the recitations of objected to dependent claim 11 and so, is objected to claim 11 rewritten in independent form. Claim 31 has been amended to include the recitations of objected to dependent claim 35 and so, is objected to claim 35 rewritten in independent form. Claim 37 has been amended to include the recitations of objected to dependent claim 39 and so, is objected to claim 39 rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, amended independent claims 1, 9, 31 and 37 are allowable. Further, all remaining dependent claims depend from allowable base claims and so, are allowable over references of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to amended claims 1, 9, 31 and 37 and to claims 6, 10, 12, 13, 22, 36, 38, 40 and 41 depending therefrom, is respectfully solicited.

The amendment to finally rejected claims 1, 9, 31 and 37 to include the recitation of canceled objected to claims 5, 11, 35 and 39, respectively, has obviated the necessity of any further discussion of the final rejection under 35 USC § 102(e). Reconsideration

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and withdrawal of the final rejection of claims 1 - 4, 7, 9, 14 - 17, 19, 20, 23, 25 - 34, 37 and 42 - 44 is respectfully solicited.

The applicants thank the Examiner for efforts, both past and present in examining the application. Believing the application to be in condition for allowance, both for the amendment to the claims and for the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully request that the examiner enter the amendment, reconsider and withdraw the objection to proposed amended claims 1, 9, 31 and 37 and claims 6, 10, 12, 13, 22, 36, 38, 40 and 41, reconsider and withdraw of the rejection of claims 1 - 4, 7, 9, 14 - 17, 19, 20, 23, 25 - 34, 37 and 42 - 44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and allow the application to issue.

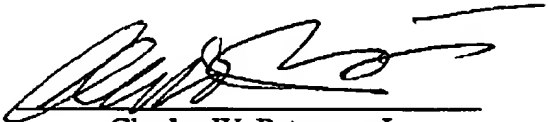
Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants undersigned attorney the local telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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